

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



September 22, 1999

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-70

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES
ALL ADOPTION FIELD OFFICES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law of Regulations Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION AWARDED TO:
(1) GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS
(2) VISION QUEST

(1) GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Glen Mills was officially certified effective August 12, 1999, as meeting California group home licensing standards. Therefore, counties may use federal, state and local funds for children placed in this facility effective with the certification date listed above. Counties will be notified of any changes to the certification status of Glen Mills Schools. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) review and Glen Mills Schools' plan of correction, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

Waivers have been granted for the use of bunk beds and more than two youth to a bedroom. These waivers are approved contingent upon Glen Mills Schools' continued compliance with the Office of Youth and Families, Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania licensing requirements regarding bedroom space.

Certification will be reviewed annually.

(2) VISION QUEST LODGEMAKERS NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Vision Quest was officially certified effective August 6, 1999, as meeting California group home licensing standards. Therefore, counties may use federal, state and local funds for children placed in this facility effective the certification date listed above. This approval is contingent upon full implementation of Vision Quest's plan of correction. Counties will be notified of any changes to the certification status. Should placing agencies desire a copy of CDSS' review and Vision Quest's plan of correction, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

For certification purposes, the following waivers have been granted: the use of bunk beds; the use of comparable shelving spaced and/or footlockers in lieu of drawers; more than two youth to a bedroom (the use of longhouses); and the use of exterior restroom facilities provided they are in close proximity to the youth sleeping quarters. These waivers are approved contingent upon Vision Quest Lodgemakers' continued compliance with the Arizona Department of Economic Security licensing requirements.

The Out-of-State Certification Unit considers the wagon train to be a "quest." Since the certification team has not had the opportunity to observe the use of the wagon train, the request has been made that the length of stay for youth on the wagon train be limited to four to six weeks.

Certification will be reviewed annually.

CONCLUSION

Children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code 7570 et al., are not impacted by the certification process.

Attached for your convenience is a revised "Authorized Pending Certification" list. Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by: Wesley A. Beers

WESLEY A. BEERS

Acting Deputy Director and
Compact Administrator

Attachment

**OUT-OF-STATE
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES
CERTIFICATION LIST
Updated September 30, 1999**

Authorized Pending Certification

- Chileda Institute (Wisconsin)
- Children's Home of Detroit (Michigan)
- Christie School (Oregon)
- Church of God Children's Home (North Carolina)
- Devereux (*Victoria*, Texas)
- Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)
- New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)
- Normative Services (Wyoming)
- Raindancer Youth Services (Utah)

Certified

- Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)
- Heritage Schools, Inc. (Utah)
- Rite of Passage--except the Remote Treatment Campus, (Nevada)
- Vision Quest (Arizona)

Provisional Certification

- Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center (Utah)—effective 8/18/99-12/18/99
- Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc. (Colorado)—effective 8/18/99-11/1/99